

March 7, 1917.

TO THE HONORABLE TEXAS STATE SENATE:

I herewith return you S. B. Number 355, same being an Act to legalize the investment of all fiduciary and trust funds in bonds to be issued by the Federal Farm Loan Bank, which act has been by me disapproved.

While being in hearty accord with the purposes for which the Federal Farm Loan Bank was established, yet as the national government does not guarantee the payment of these bonds, I do not think it wise for our state to officially approve these bonds as a safe investment for the funds of the widows, orphans, minors, and life insurance policy-holders of our state until more is known of the policy and management of said Federal Farm Loan Banking System. The state approval of these securities for investment can easily be deferred until the next meeting of the Legislature, when in the meantime opportunity will have been had to observe and carefully consider the real worth of the bonds issued by the said Federal Farm Loan Banking System.

Respectfully,

Jan. E. Ferguson.
Governor of Texas.

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